

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

June 4, 2025

Clint E. Stein Chief Executive Officer Columbia Banking System, Inc. 1301 A Street Tacoma, Washington 98402-4200

> Re: Columbia Banking System, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-4 Filed May 28, 2025 File No. 333-287607

Dear Clint E. Stein:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact Aisha Adegbuyi at 202-551-8754 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Finance

cc: Patrick S. Brown, Esq.